

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	16062	Agenda Number	47.
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Meeting Date:	6/28/2012	Department:	Public Works
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation that awards the City \$1,500,000 in Transportation Enhancement Funds to establish a Bike Share/Bike Safety Program; accepting Transportation Enhancement funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation; amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$1,500,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-006) to transfer in and appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the establishment of the Bike Share/Bike Safety program.

Amount and Source of Funding

The total grant amount of \$1,500,000 will be provided by TXDOT. The required \$500,000 local match will be provided by private partners.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	June 11, 2009, Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan.
<b>For More Information:</b>	Annick Beaudet, 974-6505; Adrian Lipscombe, 974-7853; Susan Garnett, 974-7064
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

Additional Backup Information

This Advance Funding agreement will allow the City to use Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds to implement a Bike Share/Bike Safety program. The City is in discussions with a third party for the local match funds. Should those funds not be available, staff will not execute the contract with TxDOT.

This program will create a more sustainable transportation network by providing travel options, reducing vehicle miles traveled, improving air quality, mitigating congestion, and addressing the "first/last mile" with regard to public transit.

The bicycle-sharing service is expected to support the City's growing density and the region's growing transit network. By providing a variety of mobility options and alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles, the City intends to become more sustainable, livable, and affordable. The focus of this shared transportation service will be the Downtown area and its immediate environs.

In partnership with the Austin Police Department, this program also includes an initiative for bicycle specific traffic violation enforcement for motor vehicles and/or bicycles

This program is managed by the Public Works Department.